Services of Chartered Accountants to CBI

3914. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc considering to approve the proposal of the Central Bureau of Investigation to use services of Chartered Accounts or Chartered Accountant Firms in their investigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CBI is facing problems in investigating financial irregularities, especially in the capital market; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed by Government to help CBI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is often assigned serious economic fraud cases occurring in Nationalized Banks, insurance companies and various Public Sectors Undertakings involving deep study of financial transactions. It has been experienced that in such cases, CBI needs the assistance of experts in the field of accounting, mainly Chartered Accountants.

Regularisation of ad hoc services of SOST officers in Ministry \A Textiles

3915. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether UPSC deliberately delayed for 20 months regularisation of *ad-hoc* services of SGST officers of 1976/1977 batches in Ministry-of Textiles already approved by the Ministry six years back and returned the proposals in February last taking congnizance of irrelevant circular dated the 23rd July, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the names of such officers;

(c) whether identical cases of the officers of the same batches were approved by the Commission three years back; and

(d) if so, the justification for this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Textiles had appointed three officers on *ad-hoc* basis as far back as in 1976 and 1977. However, only as late as September, 2000, a proposal was received in UPSC from the Ministry regarding regularisation of *ad-hoc* services of these officers. Two of these belong to SOST and one to general category. The Ministry was requested to furnish certain clarifications/nformation *vide* Commission's letter dated March 20, 2001. The information supplied by the Ministry was received in UPSC on 18.7.2001. In the meantime instructions were issued *vide* DoPT O.M. No. 28036/l/2001-Estt.(D) dated 23rd July, 2001 regarding restrictions on regularisation of *ad-hoc* appointments. The proposal was therefor returned to the Ministry of Textiles in February, 2002.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) It is a fact that some officers were regularised by the Commission on the directions of the Court and subsequently another officer was regularised by the Commission on 20.4.1998. However, this was done much before the DoPT's O.M. dated 23.7.2001 referred to above was issued.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Inquiry initiated by officer of same rank

3916. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Inquiry Officer in an enquiry intimated under CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 amended till date, can be of a rank equivalent to that of a complainant;

(b) if so, the details of the relevant provisions; and

(c) if not, whether the enquiry, if conducted by such an equivalent officer, is vitiated?